

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 16, 2015.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

Paris,—  
terrorist  
attacks.

At the request of the Speaker and all other members of the House, the members, guests and employees rose for a moment of silent tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday. The House of Representatives extended its deepest condolences to the families of those who have died and to the people France.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Pancreatic  
cancer.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Brock N. Cordeiro of Dartmouth to serve as his designee to the special commission established (under Section 78 of Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2015) to study pancreatic cancer.

Guests of the House.

Amesbury  
Academy for  
Strategic  
Learning.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the principal and a group comprised of teachers and students from the Amesbury Academy for Strategic Learning. They were the guest of Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury.

Resolutions.

World  
Diabetes  
Day.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Hogan of Stow and other members of the House) commending the American Diabetes Association on the occasion of World Diabetes Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

Statutory  
financial  
report.

A communication from the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for the fiscal year 2015, was placed on file.

*Report.*

A report of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (under Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting a working draft of the next economic development policy for the Commonwealth and a strategic plan for implementing the policy, was placed on file.

Economic development policy.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3853) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Richard J. Ross (by vote of the town) relative to the form of representative town government in the town of North Attleborough. To the committee on Election Laws.

North Attleborough,—government.

By Representative Barber of Somerville and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3851) of Christine P. Barber and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Somerville,—municipal reviews.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Evandro C. Carvalho relative to voter registration.

Voter registration.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nicole Medina, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Nicole Medina,—sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Steven Ultrino for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Linda Vitt, an employee of the Trial Court. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Linda Vitt,—sick leave.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 1684, a Bill increasing injured workers' access to medical care and workers' compensation benefits (House, No. 3849). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Injured workers.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to self-insurers workers' compensation obligations (House, No. 1685, changed in section 1, in line 6, by striking out the words "where the resource" and inserting in place thereof the words "when the resources", in line 7,

Self-insurers workers' compensation.

Self-insurers  
workers'  
compensation.

by inserting after the word "dependents" the words ", and medical providers"; and in section 2, in line 14, by inserting after the word "chapter," and the following sentence "The Worker's Compensation Trust Fund shall have the authority to take possession of the self-insurer's claims files.").

State jobs,—  
posting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to state employment postings (House, No. 1767).

Farm to  
school  
month.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill establishing Massachusetts farm to school month and commending farm to school programs (House, No. 2782).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Wages,—  
Sundays.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to Sunday wages (House, No. 1752).

Concord,—  
charter.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to amend the town charter of Concord (House, No. 3685) [Local Approval Received].

Harwich,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Harwich (House, No. 3708) [Local Approval Received].

Winchendon,—  
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the creation of a capital stabilization fund in the town of Winchendon (House, No. 3709) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—  
permitting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the street closure permitting process in the city of Boston (House, No. 3729) [Local Approval Received].

Hanson,—  
highway  
surveyor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the position of highway surveyor in the town of Hanson (House, No. 3738) [Local Approval Received].

Lakeville and  
Taunton,—  
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2049 and House, No. 3789, a Bill authorizing the town of Lakeville to convey certain property to the city of Taunton (House, No. 3789).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Kindness.

Declaring May as the official month of kindness month (House, No. 2747); and

Drivers,—  
mobile  
phones.

Requiring the hands-free use of mobile phones (House, No. 3315);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

### *Motion to Reconsider.*

Third Worcester  
Representative  
District,—

Mr. Jones of North Reading asked that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, at the preceding sitting, adopted the House Order relative to the issuance of a precept for a special election to fill the

vacancy in the Third Worcester Representative District that will be created by the resignation of Mr. DiNatale of Fitchburg on January 3, 2016 (House, No. 3850); and the motion to reconsider was placed, under Rule 54, in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

time for  
election to  
fill vacancy.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### House bills

Exempting the fire department of the town of Westwood from civil service laws (House, No. 3198);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Providing affordable housing property tax incentives in the town of Amherst (House, No. 3758); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Eric Burton, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 3823);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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The Senate Bill exempting the position of deputy fire chief in the town of Shrewsbury from the civil service law (Senate, No. 1929), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Shrewsbury,—  
civil  
service.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

“SECTION 2. Section 1 shall not impair the civil service status of any person serving in the position of deputy fire chief in the town of Shrewsbury on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 1929, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jane Mihalich, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3820), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Jane  
Mihalich,—  
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3852), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Recess.*

At twenty-six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty minutes before four o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next  
sitting.

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At twenty minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.